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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT/TURKISH COMMUNICATIONS

REF: ANKARA 1020

1. I INFORMED VENIAMIN OF EMBASSY ANKARA'S DISCUSSION WITH BARUTCU ON POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVED BILATERAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CYPRUS AND TURKEY. MENTIONED ALSO THAT TURKISH CHARGE HERE HAD AGREED GENERALLY TO DESIRABILITY OF "IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS" BUT SHOWED NO PARTICULAR INCLINATION TO DO ANYTHING.

2. VENIAMIN WAS INTERESTED, TALKED INFORMALLY OF TESTING POSSIBILITIES BY SIMPLY PROPOSING ASSIGNMENT OF A COUPLE OF FIRST RATE OFFICERS TO THEIR EMBASSY IN ANKARA TO SEE WHETHER THIS WOULD LEAD TO A BETTER COMMUNICATION. HE AGREED WITH KARACA THAT NEED WAS FOR AN IMPROVED LINE IN ANKARA RATHER THAN HERE.

3. COMMENT: IF THE TWO SIDES ARE INTERESTED WE HOPE VENIAMIN WILL EVENTUALLY SET SOMETHING IN MOTION. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY ANKARA'S OBSERVATION THAT USG SHOULD NOT GET SECRET

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INTO THE CENTER OF THIS IN ANY FORMAL SENSE, AND WE EX-

PLAINED TO VENIAMIN THAT WE WERE MERELY RAISING TOPIC AS AN
INTERESTED FRIEND AND DID NOT FEEL WE COULD BE IN POSITION
OF GUARANTEEING ANY RESULTS.
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